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people and there are no transport facilities, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to order the opening of a maternity centre and an allopathic medical centre there? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is the business of the District Board to open maternity centres. The Government give maintenance grants and building grants."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the Government have neglected to open hospitals and dispensaries in the interior parts of the Malabar district? In so many villages with a population of 50,000 and 60,000 there is not even a single dispensary. Will the Government be pleased to convert the Taliparamba Local Fund Dispensary into a Government Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals in Malabar have been provincialized. It is not so in the case of many other districts where there are still a number of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals remaining to be provincialized."

Number of murder cases in South Kanara in 1951–52.

* 845 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of murder cases reported in the year 1951–52 in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) how many of them have been given up as undetected;

(*c*) how many have been charge-sheeted; and

(*d*) how many of them ended in acquittal and how many ended in conviction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Twenty-six cases of murder were reported to the police during 1951–52 in the South Kanara district.

" (*b*) Four cases were referred as undetected.

" (*c*) Nineteen cases were charged by the police.

" (*d*) Seven cases ended in conviction and 12 ended in acquittal."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know how many deaths have been reported by the police as deaths due to accident or disease? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the figures here. A separate question may be put."

Repairs to the Maniyara bridge in Payyannur firka, North Malabar.

* 846 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Maniyara bridge in Koram amsam in Payyannur firka, North Malabar, is completely broken down and damaged; and if so, since how long it is lying in the damaged state; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps hitherto either to repair the bridge or to build a new bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) The bridge has not completely broken down but is in a bad and dangerous condition. It is in that condition for about two years.

" (b) The bridge work could not be taken up now for want of funds."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I visited the place and saw the bridge myself. The bridge is completely damaged. But the Hon. Minister says that it is not completely damaged. In view of the fact that so many students have to go to the other side of the bridge to attend the school and also because there is a ration shop on the other side to which the people have to go after crossing the bridge, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and expedite the construction of the bridge? I want a direct answer from the Hon. Minister."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" This is a report from the Engineering Department. When the bridge was inspected, perhaps it was not completely broken down. The bridge is within the jurisdiction of the Payyannur major panchayat. If proposals are made by the panchayat, the Government will give necessary help for constructing the bridge."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister told us, Sir, that the bridge had been in that damaged condition for the past two years. Does the Hon. Minister believe that it will be included at least in the Five-year Plan so that repairs to the bridge might be carried out?" 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The proposals must come either from the panchayat board or the district board, and the Government will then give the necessary help. Many bridges and roads are like this in our country."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Does this bridge fall within the jurisdiction of any panchayat, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already answered it."

Educational facilities to the children of village officers.

* 847 Q.—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government have not extended the educational facilities that have been extended to the Non-Gazetted Officers' children to the children of village officers and servants; and

(b) under what category the Government classify the village officers and servants, i.e., as Non-Gazetted Officers or as any other class of servants of the Government?